

Volunteer Opportunities with the Lolo National Forest

Position: Wilderness Ranger Intern

Positions Available: 2

Rattlesnake and Welcome Creek Wilderness Areas, Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest

The Missoula Ranger District is looking for backcountry enthusiasts to volunteer for the Wilderness Management program during the summer of 2015.

Candidates must have backpacking and camping skills, public speaking abilities, a strong land ethic, and be willing to work in a physically demanding environment. This is a non-paid position. A stipend may be available depending on funding. A commitment from the end of May thru August is required. Applicants must be available Friday thru Sundays throughout the season.

Job duties will include:

- Wilderness patrol
- Wilderness resource impact monitoring
- Wilderness resource and campsite inventory
- Campsite and trail rehabilitation and maintenance
- Public contacts/education - Wilderness regulations and “Leave No Trace” environmental ethics

Skills gained will include:

- Gain experience in Wilderness field management and techniques
- Become skilled at public speaking and providing information
- Hone your backcountry camping and travel skills
- Learn a new area in Missoula’s backyard
- Build your resume

Additionally, Wilderness Rangers may have the opportunity to attend the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region Wilderness Rendezvous, where they will meet other wilderness managers from all over the region and have the opportunity to attend wilderness skills trainings and lectures.

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